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## UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

### CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### *Minutes of the eighth meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year*

**I.** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Owens presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Akanda, Brand, Chadha, Dorado, English, Ferguson, Flannery-Schroeder, Hawes, Rojas, Vaccaro, Vice Provost Beauvais, and Ms. Kristine Buss. Kathleen Torrens, Assistant Director of Online Education, and Ms. Neff, Faculty Senate Office, were also in attendance.

The following members were not present: Professor Izenstark.

**II.** The Minutes of Meeting #7, March 28, were not prepared at the time of the meeting.

### **III. GUESTS**

Chairperson Owens made a motion to move the order of business to accommodate John Rooney and David Hayes from University College for Academic Success to address questions regarding the proposals for new courses, UCS 161, Applied Learning Theory in College Classes, and UCS 360, Supporting Learning in College. Mr. Hayes stated that these courses would be free electives but may be proposed for general education credit in the future.

He explained that the UCS 161 course would build upon the existing 1-credit UCS 160 course, and UCS 360 would allow for tutors to learn and apply theories and techniques to facilitate leadership, tutoring, and teaching skills. The Committee questioned whether these UCS courses should be crediting-bearing courses. Mr. Hayes explained that similar courses at other institutions were for 3 credits, and the students would be doing 3 credits worth of work. He expressed that students often come to URI with certain ideas and study practices that are substantially different from reality. These students need to learn how to work effectively through the academic rigor and develop new ways of processing, studying, and performing tasks that encourages and develops new, creative, and clarified interests.

Chairperson Owens thanked David Hayes and John Rooney for coming to the meeting. The Committee continued to have concerns about each course being for 3 credits and being taught by non-faculty staff members. Vice Provost Beauvais offered to speak with Jayne Richmond regarding the Committee's concerns. The proposals for **UCS 161, Applied Learning Theory in College Classes**, and **UCS 360, Supporting Learning in College** were tabled until next meeting in September.

Chairperson Owens welcomed Leo Carroll, Chair of Sociology/Anthropology, who was present to discuss the proposed new Bachelor of Arts degree program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Dr. Carroll discussed the consistent upward growth of students inquiring about a Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) degree here at URI. Applications for CCJ programs have had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest growth in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Carroll shared that the department was asked by the administration to consider creating a CCJ program. He explained that the interdisciplinary nature of this program with the departments of Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Economics, and Gender and Women's Studies, will distribute the teaching and program needs more evenly.

In response to questions of post-graduation jobs, Dr. Carroll explained that a considerable amount of the current CCJ programs are vocationally oriented. Current URI students attain a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a Criminology and Criminal Justice option. The CCJ would allow student to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, making them more marketable than those with a BS in Sociology.

Chairperson Owens thanked Professor Carroll for attending. The Committee held further discussion and approved the proposals for the **Creation of the new Interdisciplinary Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, **Creation of a new CCJ Course Code**, and the **Creation of a Criminology and Criminal Justice major for the Bachelor of Arts program**.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

The Committee discussed the change of course number, credits from 2 to 3, and course description for **CHE 449 (349), Transfer Operations III**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee discussed two proposals to change the course number and prerequisites for **CHE 451 (351), Plant Design and Economics I**, and **CHE 452 (352), Plant Design and Economics II**. These proposals were approved.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. NEW COURSES:**

The Committee discussed the new course proposal for **AFS 106, Food from the Sea Laboratory**. The Committee approved this course.

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of **CMB 421, Physical Biochemistry**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for the creation of **COM 447, Primary Media Market Research**. The Committee questioned the lack of acknowledgement from the College of Business. Professor Dorado agreed to follow up with the instructor. The proposal was held until the September meeting.

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of **ISE 334, Simulation Modeling and Analysis**. The Committee found issues with the course proposal form, need for a better short title, no staffing description, no grading method, and different course title than the one on the syllabus. The syllabus required revisions, as there was no lab component schedule, a lack of measurable outcomes, and a grade of D- listed. Chairperson Owens volunteered to contact the proposer. The proposal was held until the September meeting.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for the new course, **KIN 407, Physical Activity as Therapy**. The proposal was approved and forwarded to the Graduate Council.

The Committee discussed the proposal for **NRS/BIO 419, Field Experience in Herpetology**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of **SOC 460, Quantitative Methods of Sociology**. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee discussed the proposal for **STA 460, Introduction to Time Series Analysis**. The Committee approved this course with a clarification of the prerequisites.

#### **B. NEW TEMPORARY COURSE:**

A proposal for a new course, **BUS 410X, Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Practicum**, was reviewed and approved by the Committee.

The Committee reviewed 2 proposals from the Math Department for the creation of **MTH 100X, Introductory and Intermediate Algebra (4 crs.)** and **MTH 103X, Applied Precalculus (3 crs.)**. The Committee discussed and approved these course proposals.

#### **C. NEW GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:**

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of a new general education course, **COM/SUS 460, Environmental Communication: Local and Global**, seeking full outcomes of C1-Civic Knowledge and B4-Information Literacy. The proposal was approved.

A proposal for new course, **CSC 104, Puzzles + Games = Analytical Thinking**, was presented to the committee with general education full outcome of B3-Mathematical, Statistical, or Computational Strategies, and partial outcome of B2-Communicate Effectively. The Committee approved this course with a 5 yes to 4 no vote.

The Committee discussed the proposal to create **EGR 213G, Energy and Environment**. The proposal requested a full outcome of A1-Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical disciplines (STEM) and a partial outcome for C2-Global Responsibilities, and GC-Grand Challenge. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for the creation of **ENG 105, Introduction to Creative Writing** with general education outcomes of A3-Humanities and B1-Write Effectively. The proposal was approved.

The proposal for the creation of **HDF 318G, Health and Wealth**, was considered by the Committee. They approved the course with full outcomes of A2-Social and Behavioral Sciences, B4-Information Literacy, and GC-Grand Challenge.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for **KIN 375G, Exercise is Medicine**, with full outcomes of A1-Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical disciplines (STEM), B4-Information Literacy, and GC-Grand Challenge. The course was approved.

#### **D. COURSE CHANGES:**

The Committee reviewed and approved the proposals changing the course numbers for the following courses:

- **ISE 311 (411), Probability and Statistics for Engineers**
- **ISE 332 (432), Operations Research: Deterministic Systems**
- **SOC 440 (301), Sociological Research Methods**
- **SOC 395 (401), History of Sociological Thought**

The Committee considered and approved the proposals changing the course descriptions for **ISE 325, Computer Tools for Engineers** and **MCE 455, Advanced Fluid Mechanics**. MCE 455 was forwarded to the Graduate Council.

The Committee discussed the proposals to change the course numbers and prerequisites for **ISE 312 (412), Statistical Methods and Quality Systems** and **ISE 333 (433), Operations Research: Stochastic Systems**. The Committee approved both course proposals.

The Committee reviewed a proposal to change the course number and description of **ISE 304 (404), Engineering Economy and Project Planning**. The proposal was approved.

The proposal to change the prerequisite for **HLT 450, Advanced Interdisciplinary Health Studies** was considered and approved by the Committee.

The Committee reviewed a proposal to change the prerequisite and adding online teaching method to **EDC 312, Psychology of Learning**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee considered and approved two proposals from the Math department to change the course titles and descriptions for **MTH 099, Basic Algebra (Basic Algebra and Trigonometry)** and **MTH 362, Advanced Engineering Mathematics (Advanced Engineering Mathematics I)**.

A proposal to change the title and prerequisite for **MTH 101, Intermediate Algebra (Introduction College Algebra)** was considered and approved by the Committee.

The Committee discussed a proposal requesting the change to course description and prerequisite for **MTH 108, Topics in Mathematics**. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee considered proposals to change the credits (from 3 to 4) and method of instruction (from Lec. to Lec., Lab) for **AST 108, Introductory Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies**, and **AST 118, Introductory Astronomy: The Solar System**.

The Committee reviewed and approved the following proposals for University College for Academic Success:

- Proposal to change the course code and course number for **UCS 312 (CSV 302), Community Services at URI**.
- Proposal to change course code, course number, title, and description for **UCS 312H, Honors Section of USC 312: Community Services at URI (CSV 302H, Honors Section of CSV 302: Community Services at URI)**.
- Proposals to change course code, course number, description and prerequisite for **UCS 380 (ITR 302), Field Experience II**, **UCS 381 (ITR 304) Colloquium II**, **UCS 382 (ITR 301) Field Experience I**, and **UCS 383 (ITR 303), Colloquium I**.

The Committee discussed the proposal to change the course description and method of instruction for **ENG/CLS 160, Literatures of the World**. The proposal was approved.

A proposal to change the title, description and prerequisite for **HLT 200, Interdisciplinary Health Studies** to **Interdisciplinary Approaches to Health** was approved by the Committee.

The Committee considered a proposal to change the title, description, and add a cross-listing designation for MAF 472, Marine Recreation and Tourism Management Seminar to **MAF/APG 472, Critical Studies of Tourism and Ecotourism**. The Committee approved this proposal. The proposal was sent to the Graduate Council for approval.

The Committee discussed a proposal to change the title, description, method of instruction, and add a cross-listing designation for MAF 471 Island Ecosystem Management to **MAF/APG 471, Critical Island Studies**. The Committee approved this proposal. The proposal was sent to the Graduate Council for approval.

Proposals to change the titles, descriptions, and method of instruction for **MTH 141** and **MTH 142** were discussed and approved by the Committee. The title for MTH 141, **Introductory Calculus With Analytic Geometry** changed to **Calculus I**. The title for MTH 142, **Intermediate Calculus With Analytic Geometry** changed to **Calculus II**.

#### **E. COURSE CHANGES FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:**

The Committee approved the proposal to change the description of **CPL/GEG 202, Introductory Urban Geography: Understanding Cities**. The proposal requested full outcomes of A2-Social and Behavioral Sciences and C1-Civic Knowledge and Responsibilities.

The Committee considered and approved the proposal to change the course number, description, method of instruction, and prerequisite for **ENG 357G, Topics in Literature and Medicine**. The proposal requested full outcomes of A3-Humanities, B1-Write Effectively, and GC-Grand Challenge.

## **F. CONSENT ITEMS:**

The consent items were discussed and approved. Proposals included changing the prerequisites for **ITL 100, Accelerated Elementary Italian**, and **PRS 320, Strategic Media Relations**; change of course description for **BME 281, Biomedical Engineering Seminar II**, and changing the method of instruction for **ECN 445, Senior Research Seminar**.

The Committee approved the addition of cross-listing designations (in red) for the following courses:

- **JOR/PRS 341, Editing for Publication (3 crs.)**
- **SOC/CCJ 230, Crime and Delinquency (3 crs.)**
- **SOC/CCJ/PSC 274, Criminal Justice System (3 crs.)**
- **SOC/CCJ/PSC 274H, Honors Section SOC/PSC/CCJ 274: Criminal Justice System (3 crs.)**
- **SOC/CCJ/PSC 476, Policy Issues in Criminal Justice (3 crs.)**
- **WRT/PRS 331, Writing Public Relations (3 crs.)**

## **G. ONLINE COURSES:**

The Committee considered the requests for adding online sections to the following courses. All proposals were approved.

- **CHN 101, Beginning Chinese I (3 crs.)**
- **CHN 102, Beginning Chinese II (3 crs.)**
- **CMD 375, Language Development (3 crs.)**
- **CMD 465, Clinical Methods in Communicative Disorders (4 crs.)**
- **CVE 220, Mechanics of Materials (3 crs.)**
- **ECN 327, Intermediate Economic Theory: Income and Employment (3 crs.)**
- **ECN 338, International Economics (3 crs.)**
- **MCE 263, Dynamics (3 crs.)**
- **MCE 301, Application of Mechanics in Design (3 crs.)**
- **MCE 466, Introduction to Finite Element Method (3 crs.)**
- **MTH 107, Introduction to Finite Mathematics (3 crs.)**
- **PSY 324, Latina/o Psychology (3 crs.)**
- **SPA 101, Beginning Spanish I (3 crs.) – Accelerated Online Programs**
- **TMD 126, Introduction to Design (3 crs.)**

## **H. CURRICULAR CHANGES:**

### **1) COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:**

a) The Committee considered a proposal to adjust the catalog copy for the **Music B.A. program** and the addition of a statement to Minors in Music sections. This language change will allow for consistent and concise language in regard to the audition requirements for the BA and BOM programs. The proposal was approved.

b) The Committee approved the proposal for changes to the requirements for the **B.A. in Sociology**. The changes included:

- adding a statistics requirement to the major
- changing the major requirement from two (2) to one (1) inequality course
- deleting courses that no longer are taught
- changing course numbering and level: SOC 301 becomes 440; SOC 401 becomes SOC 395

c) A proposal to add RLS/PSC 221, Islam and Its Civilization to the course offerings for the **Arabic Language and Culture Minor** was considered and approved.

d) The Committee reviewed a proposal to remove GER 112 from the list of courses that do not count for the **German major in the B.A. program**. The proposal was approved.

e) A proposal for the creation of a **Landscape Architecture Minor** was presented, considered and approved.

## **2) COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:**

a) The Committee considered a proposal for changes to the requirements for the **B.S. in Chemical Engineering** to allow EGR 325 and 326 to count as professional electives. The proposal was approved.

b) A proposal for multiple curriculum changes to the **B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering** Program was approved pending receipt of an updated curriculum worksheet. (See post-script)

c) The Committee considered a proposal for several curriculum changes to the **B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Program**. The proposal was approved pending receipt of an updated curriculum worksheet. (See post-script)

d) The Committee discussed a proposal for the creation of a **Minor in Robotics Engineering**. The proposal was approved.

## **3) COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCE AND SERVICES:**

a) The proposal for curricular changes, adding new general education courses, to the **B.S. in Communicative Disorders** was approved by the Committee. (See post-script)

b) The Committee did not approve a proposal for changes, caused by the new general education program, to the **B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies**. (See post-script)

c) The proposal for changes to the **B.S. in Health Studies** to accommodate the new general education program was approved by the Committee.



d) The Committee reviewed the proposal for alterations to the curriculum requirements for the **B.S. in Kinesiology** due to the new general education program. The Committee did not approve the proposal. (See post-script)

e) A proposal to delete courses in the **B.S. and B.A. in Secondary Education** majors, due to the new general education program, was reviewed and not approved by the Committee. (See post-script)

f) The Committee discussed a proposal to delete the second major requirement, and delete courses due to the new general education program, and to add additional courses for the **B.A. in Elementary Education**. The Committee did not approve the proposal. (See post-script)

g) The Committee considered a proposal for changes to the **B.S. in Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design** and the **B.S. in Textiles Marketing**. The changes reflected the new general education program and the reorganization of HSS departments. The Committee did not approve the changes. (See post-script)

#### **4) COLLEGE OF PHARMACY:**

a) The Committee discussed a proposal to **create an Academic Health Collaborative (ACH) course code**. The proposal was approved.

b) A proposal for curriculum changes to reflect the new general education requirements for the **B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS)** and the **Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)** programs was considered. The Committee approved the proposal.

#### **5) UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS:**

a) The Committee discussed a proposal to change all ITR and CSV **course code and numbers to UCS**. The proposal was approved. (See post-script)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lawrence

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### POST-SCRIPT (Update after 4/25/16 meeting)

1. The prerequisites for **STA 460, Introduction to Time Series Analysis** were clarified. The proposal was approved no further action was needed.
2. The Faculty Senate office received the revised curriculum worksheets for the **B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering**; the proposal was approved, no further action was needed.
3. The Faculty Senate office received the revised curriculum worksheets for the **B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Program**; the proposal was approved, no further action was needed.
4. The proposal for curricular changes to the **B.S. in Communicative Disorders** was initially approved by the Committee but pulled on 4/26/16 with approval of the Committee chair to address general education issues within the proposal. The proposal was revised and approved by the Chair on 5/18/16 on behalf of the Committee, and appeared on bill #15-16-38.
5. The proposal for curricular changes created by the new general education program for the **B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies**, was revised. The Chair approved the revised proposal on 5/18/16 on behalf of the Committee, and it appeared on bill #15-16-38.
6. The proposal for curriculum changes, due to the new general education program, for the **B.S. in Kinesiology**, was revised and approved by the Chair on 4/27/16 on behalf of the Committee.
7. The proposal for changes due to the new general education program for the **B.S. and B.A. in Secondary Education** were revised and approved by the Chair on 4/27/16 on behalf of the Committee.
8. The proposal to delete the second major requirement and delete and add courses taken for the **B.A. in Elementary Education** was revised and approved by the Chair on 4/27/16 on behalf of the Committee.
9. The proposal for changes due to the new general education program and reorganization of HSS to the **B.S. in Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design** and the **B.S. in Textile Marketing** was revised and approved by the Chair on 5/18/16 on behalf of the Committee, and appeared on bill #15-16-38.
10. All UCS courses and course code changes were not approved by the Faculty Senate.

11. A proposal for the creation of **OCE 313, Computational Solutions for Ocean Engineering Problems (3 crs.)** was electronically approved on April 13, 2016.